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SUBJ: IMANI FONMIN VISITS KUWAIT

1. OMANI FONMIN, AL ZAWAWI, SPENT AUGUST 23-25 IN KUWAIT ON OFFICIAL VISIT.
2. POSTPONEMENT OF GULF FONMIN CONFERENCE: KUWAITI PRESS (AL ANBA, AUGUST 24) REPORTED AL ZAWAWI SAYING THAT, DESPITE POSTPONEMENT, GULF CONFERENCE "WILL TAKE PLACE" BECAUSE "ALL" GULF STATES DESIRE IT AND "IT IS THEIR CERTAIN DESIRE TO AGREE TO A RESOLUTION CONCERNING COEXISTENCE" IN THE GULF. AUGUST 26 AL SIYASAH REPORTED THAT AL ZAWAWI PREDICTED GULF FONMINS WOULD DECODE "FINAL DATE" FOR GULF CONFERENCE WHEN THEY GATHER IN NEW YORK FOR UNGA.
3. IRANIAN TROOPS IN OMAN. IN RESPONSE TO REPORTERS' QUESTIONS, AL ZAWAWI SAID THAT PRESENCE OF IRANIAN TROOPS IN OMAN HAD NOT

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CONTRIBUTED TO GULF CONFERENCE POSTPONEMENT, ASSERTING THAT OMAN

HAD NEVER RECEIVED ANY "OFFICIAL COMPLAINT" FROM ANY OTHER GOVERNMENT OVER IRANIAN PRESENCE, AND THAT IRANIAN TROOPS WOULD REMAIN AS LONG AS "CIRCUMSTANCES" WARRANT. AL ANBA OF AUGUST 25 REPORTED AL ZAWAWI AS SAYING IN PRESS INTERVIEW THAT IRANIAN TROOPS WOULD STAY IN OMAN UNLESS PDY "CHANGES OPENLY ITS ATTITUDE" TOWARD OMAN AND THAT IRANIANS "NOT THERE TO CREATE TROUBLES AMONG GULF STATES". AL SIYASAH AUGUST 26, REPORTING ON SAME INTERVIEW, QUOTED AL ZAWAWI AS HAVING RECALLED HIS OWN EARLIER ANNOUNCEMENT OF IRANIAN FORCES WITHDRAWAL BUT NOTING THAT "AT SAME TIME, AGREEMENT WAS REACHED WITH IRAN TO SEND OTHER FORCES TO BE STATIONED IN A NEW PLACE" IN OMAN.

4. ARAB SUMMIT: AL SIYASAH OF AUGUST 26 REPORTED OMANI FOREIGN MINISTER AS ANNOUNCING THAT "OMAN WILL DECIDE TO ATTEND" ARAB SUMMIT CONFERENCE ON LEBANON CONFLICT.

5. BILATERAL RELATIONS: AL SIYASAH AUGUST 26 REPORTED THAT AL ZAWAWI HAD INVITED KUWAITI CROWN PRINCE TO VISIT OMAN, THAT VISIT HAS SHOWN THAT KUWAIT AND OMAN HAVE "IDENTICAL" POINTS OF VIEW ON WIDE RANGE OF REGIONAL ARAB AND INTERNATIONAL MATTERS, AND THAT OMANI-KUWAITI COMMITTEE FOR ECONOMIC, EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL COOPERATION WILL BE ESTABLISHED. THIS REPORT NOTED THAT, AFTER RAMADAN, KUWAITI FOREIGN MINISTER DELEGATION WILL VISIT OMAN TO DISCUSS THESE MATTERS AND TO PLAN RETURN VISIT BY KUWAITI FOREIGN MINISTER TO MUSCAT.

6. OMANI CHARGE AUGUST 26 ADDED LITTLE SUBSTANCE TO FOREGOING, BUT TOLD DCM HE BELIEVES ZAWAWI VISIT HELPED IMPROVE OMAN GOV/GOK RELATIONS. HE MENTIONED PROGRESS MADE TOWARD REALIZATION OF UNSPECIFIED KUWAITI INVESTMENTS IN OMAN, AND PREDICTED THAT IF AND WHEN SUCH INVESTMENTS BECOME SUBSTANTIAL, KUWAITI UNDERSTANDING FOR OMANI SECURITY WILL BE ENHANCED. HE EARLIER HAD CONFIRMED TO AMBASSADOR THAT OMAN WAS SEEKING TO SCHEDULE GULF SECURITY CONFERENCE IN LATTER HALF OF NOVEMBER, WHICH IT HOPED WOULD PROVIDE SUFFICIENT ADVANCE NOTICE TO ENABLE ALL CONCERNED TO ATTEND.  
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